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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 8th February 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Hoisting of a Pakistan Flag over the Ganapathi temple in Puthuntheru Keraladeeswarapuram, South Malabar.

* 552 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a Pakistan Flag was found hoisted over the Dhwajastambam of the 'Ganapathi Temple' at Tanur in Ernad taluk, South Malabar, on 19th October 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) It is a fact that on the morning of the 19th October 1954, a Pakistani flag was found hoisted on a granite lamp-post in the yard of the Ganapathi temple in Puthuntheru Keraladeeswarapuram, which is situate in Tirur Police Station limits.

" (*b*) It has not been possible to trace the person or persons responsible for hoisting the flag."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" Sir, was it done for the purpose of decorating the Ganapathi temple without knowing that it will affect our national interests? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" How can the Minister answer? The person who hoisted the flag must answer. However, if the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" I wanted to know whether, when going into the matter, the Government came to know of any such thing."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The motive can be inferred only if we know the persons who hoisted the flag. We have not been able to trace the persons responsible for it."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, is it not a fact that a number of local bodies and Congress organizations of Malabar passed resolutions requesting the Government to conduct serious enquiries into the matter? Before saying that they could not trace the persons or the origin of the incident, will the Hon. Minister tell us what the nature of the investigation was and what the report of such investigation says? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the usual investigation was conducted by the Police to find out the persons responsible for the hoisting of the flag. But no clue could be obtained."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" From the question it is seen that the temple is in Ernad taluk. As far as I know, it is in Ponnani taluk. May I know from the Hon. Minister where the temple is? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already stated that it is within Tirur Police Station limits."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the investigation conducted by the Police showed that the incident was an isolated one or that it was a movement having wider ramifications? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, as far as the hoisting of the flag is concerned, it seems to be an isolated incident. As a matter of fact some of the Muslims alleged that persons belonging to the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh had done this so that the Government may get annoyed with the Muslims."

Scheme for the study of sterility of cattle.

* 553 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the recommendations of the State Government for carrying on the Cattle Sterility Scheme ;

(*b*) the estimated cost of the scheme ;

(*c*) the aid received from the Central Government for the scheme ; and

(*d*) whether the State Government selected any persons for special course of training in Animal Gynæcology and Obstetrics on foreign Government or this State scholarships?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government have already sanctioned the scheme for the study of sterility of cattle sponsored by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

" (*b*) The ultimate cost of the scheme for four years is Rs. 78,700.

" (*c*) The share of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research towards the cost of the scheme is Rs. 37,900. The Council has initially sanctioned a grant of Rs. 28,400 towards its share of the cost of the scheme for the first three years.

" (*d*) The fellowship in Animal Gynæcology and Obstetrics offered by the Government of Sweden has been availed of and an Officer of this Government has been deputed for training in Sweden, for about one year."